

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action dated June 30, 2008, the shortened three month period for response set to expire on September 30, 2008. Accordingly, no extension of time or associated fee are believed due. However, in the event that the Commissioner determines an extension of time is required, the undersigned hereby petitions for any required extension of time, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any extension fee to the Milbank deposit account 13-3250.

I. Status of the Claims

Please amend claims 15 and 25 as indicated above. Claims 15-17, 19-22, 25-27, and 29-32 are now pending in the application. Pending claims 15 and 25 are independent claims.

II. Rejections under 35 USC § 101

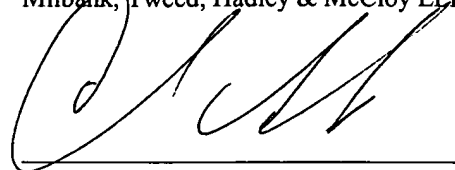
The Examiner has rejected claims 15-17, 19-22, and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

First, the undersigned thanks the Examiner for the time and courtesy extended during the telephone interview on August 20, 2008 discussing possible amendments to the claims to overcome the § 101 rejection. Applicants have considered the Examiner's suggestions and submit that the amendments to claims 15 and 25 are consistent with the Examiner's suggestions and that the claims are now allowable.

III. Request for Allowance

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance is requested. If a conference would assist in placing this application in better condition for allowance, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,
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